REMARKS

In an Office Action dated May 18, 2001, the Examiner subjects claims 1-18 to a Restriction Requirement. More specifically, the Examiner is requiring an election of one species among Species I, claims 1-9 corresponding to Figure 1 and Species II, claims 10-18 corresponding to Figure 2.

Accordingly, Applicants herein elect Species II, claims 10-18 corresponding to Figure 2, without traverse, for prosecution on the merits in the above-identified application.

Correspondingly, non-elected claims 1-9 are herein canceled.

It is believed that the foregoing is fully responsive to this Office Action. Prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

If there are any charges with respect to this restriction requirement or otherwise concerning the present application, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicants' attorneys.

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